

To whom it may concern:

I strongly OPPOSE S.B. No. 477 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE. Sec. 7. of this bill will establish a 21-member Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to coordinate the funding and implementation of programs and strategies to reduce community gun violence in the state. By awarding grants and guidance to organizations working toward reducing gun violence and allow the commission to accept any gift, donation, or bequest for the purpose of performing their duties.

Who will be on this Commission? Members of organizations that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars lobbying for gun control here in Connecticut? Representatives from organizations like CT Against Gun Violence and Mothers United Against Gun Violence?

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 5397 AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

This bill will declare that gun violence constitutes a public health crisis and will continue to constitute to be a public health crisis until their goal are attained, it will establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Far too much time and attention is spent on further creating criminals out of law abiding citizens, rather than cracking down on where the vast majority of gun violence occurs, the inner cities across CT.

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